

OATHS

REQUIRED TO BE USED WHEN HOLDING AN INQUEST.

PROCLAMATION BEFORE CALLING JURY.

Oyez! oyez! oyez! You good men of this county, summoned to appear here this day, to inquire for our Sovereign ^{Lord King} ~~Lady the Queen,~~ when, how and by what means R. F. came to his death, answer to your names as you shall be called, every man at the first call, upon the pain and peril that shall fall thereon.

ADDRESS TO JURY BEFORE SWEARING FOREMAN.

Gentlemen, hearken to your foreman's oath; for the oath he is to take on his part is the oath you are severally to observe and keep on your part.

FOREMAN'S OATH.

You shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be here given you in charge, on behalf of our Sovereign ^{Lord King} ~~Lady the Queen,~~ touching the death of R. F., now lying dead, of whose body you shall have the view; you shall present no man for hatred, malice or ill-will, nor spare any through fear, favour or affection; but a true verdict give according to the evidence, and the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you God.

OATH OF JURYMEN.

The same oath which A. B., your foreman upon this inquest, hath now taken before you on his part, you and each of you are severally well and truly to observe and keep on your parts. So help you God.

THE CORONER'S CHARGE TO JURY AFTER
THEY ARE SWORN.

Gentlemen, you are sworn to consider on behalf of the ^{King} Queen, how and by what means H. H. came to *his* death. Your first duty is to take a view of the body of the deceased, wherein you will be careful to observe if there be any and what marks of violence thereon; from which and a proper examination of the witnesses intended to be produced before you, you will endeavour to discover the cause of *his* death, so as to be able to return a true and just verdict on this occasion.

CORONER'S CHARGE AFTER VIEW OF THE BODY.

After the view is taken, and the Jury called over, the Coroner should add to his former charge any necessary observations he may have made on view of the body, and add: "I shall now proceed to hear and take down the evidence respecting the fact, to which I must crave particular attention."

PROCLAMATION FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF
WITNESSES.

If any one can give evidence on behalf of our Sovereign ^{Lord} ~~Queen~~ ^{Lady} the ~~Queen~~, when, how, and by what means A. B. came to *his* death, let him come forth and he shall be heard.

OATH OF WITNESS.

The evidence, which you shall give to this inquest on behalf of our Sovereign ^{Lord} ~~Queen~~ ^{King} ~~Queen~~, touching the death of E. F., shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God.

DECLARATION OR AFFIRMATION OF WITNESS.

I, A. B., do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I am one of the Society called Quakers (*Mennonists, Tunkers or Unitas Fratrum or Moravians, as the case may be*).

Then let the witness add—I, A. B., do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that the evidence I shall give to this inquest on

behalf of our Sovereign ^{Lord King} ~~Lady~~ the ^{Queen} ~~Queen~~, touching the death of — shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help me God.

THE CORONER'S ADDRESS ON ADJOURNMENT.

Gentlemen, the court doth dismiss you for this time; but requires you severally to appear here again (*or at the adjourned place*) on — the — day of — instant, at — of the clock in the — precisely, upon pain of \$100 a man, on the condition contained in your recognizance entered into.

PROCLAMATION OF ADJOURNMENT.

Oyez! oyez! oyez! All manner of persons who have anything more to do at this court before the ^{King's} ~~Queen's~~ Coroner for this county, may depart home at this time, and give their attendance here again (*or at the adjourned place*) on — next, being the — day of — instant, at — of the clock in the — precisely. God save the ~~Queen~~. ^{King}

PROCLAMATION AT ADJOURNED MEETING.

Oyez! oyez! oyez! All manner of persons who have anything more to do at this court before the ^{King's} ~~Queen's~~ Coroner for this county, on this inquest now to be taken, and adjourned over to this time and place, draw near, and give your attendance; and you gentlemen of the jury, who have been impanelled and sworn upon this inquest to inquire touching the death of R. F., severally answer to your names and save your recognizances.

OATH OF OFFICER TO KEEP THE JURY UNTIL THEY ARE AGREED IN THEIR VERDICT.

You shall well and truly keep the jury upon this inquiry without meat, drink or fire; you shall not suffer any person to speak to them, nor shall you speak to them yourself, unless it be to ask them if they have agreed on their verdict, until they shall be agreed. So p you God.

CORONER'S ADDRESS TO THE JURY AFTER
RECORDING THEIR VERDICT.

Gentlemen, hearken to your verdict as delivered by you, and as I have recorded it. You find, &c. [*Here repeat the substance of the verdict, and then add*] So say you all.

PROCLAMATION AT THE CLOSE OF INQUEST.

Oyez! oyez! oyez! You good men of this township, who have been impanelled and sworn of the jury to inquire for our Sovereign ^{King} ~~Lady~~ the ~~Queen~~, touching the death of R. F., and who have returned your verdict, may now depart hence and take your ease. God save the ~~Queen~~. ^{King}



